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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir.

In reply to the Office Action dated 28 November 2008, Applicant submits the following Election/Response.

In Response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects (without traverse) to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, identified as Claims 1-8 drawn to crystal modification A of tegaserod maleate and pharmaceutical compositions. Applicant, however, respectfully asserts that because crystal modification A is common to all claim groups, it would not present a burden to search all claims in the application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this Application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2424.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, she is asked to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (215) 772-7655.

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